MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Has it ever been brought to the notice of the Government that, in the past few years, some officers systematically overlooked the claims of certain Mahomedan applicants ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No. Government called for statistics and on examination found that in some departments, a larger percentage of the members of the backward, communities could have been appointed, and explanations from the Heads of those Departments were also called for.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Do the Government think it desirable to make periodical enquiries as to how far the Heads of Departments are following the orders of Government ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government have called for the submission of quarterly returns of appointments from Heads of Departments.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : But do the Government consider it desirable to make such enquiries at regular intervals ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes. Whenever it is found necessary, the Government will enquire.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware that, so far as Mahomedan applicants are concerned, the circulars and orders as they exist now are of no practical effect ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No; the Government are not aware.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to issue instructions either to enforce them strictly or to devise some other means in their place ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government are now not satisfied that those instructions are disobeyed. In particular departments, where they found that a larger percentage could have been appointed, they have called for an explanation.

Unemployment among Educated Classes.

29. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) :

(*a*) Are the Government aware that the unemployment of the educated classes is assuming serious dimensions ?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state in what ways they intend tackling the question ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) No immediate remedy is available. Many factors, spread over a long term of years, have led up to the present situation. The process of amelioration must of necessity be slow, in that the outlook of a whole people has to be changed. The Government, fully realising their responsibility for assistance in the matter, have the whole question under their anxious consideration.

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